

condition for allowance is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 and amend the claims as rewritten below.

~~1.~~ 4. (Twice Amended) A side air bag for inflation by an inflator mechanism for expanding the side air bag alongside a window of a vehicle, comprising:

a bag portion formed by two woven fabric panels connected along an outer peripheral portion by a peripheral connecting portion;

said peripheral connecting portion for connecting said two woven fabric panels being formed by weaving a textile structure having a common yarn included in both said two woven fabric panels;

said bag portion sealed over a whole area thereof by an air non-permeable coating material;

a linear connecting portion for partitioning in parallel with a flow direction of an inflator gas [is] formed on a center region of said bag portion by stitching connecting said two woven fabric panels; and

an inflator-side terminal portion of the stitching being formed having one of a U-shape or a circular shape.

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7. (Twice Amended) The side air bag as recited in claim ~~4~~, wherein an opening for introducing an inflator gas is formed in a part of said peripheral connecting portion.

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8. (Amended) [A] The side air bag according to claim ~~4~~ wherein [for inflation by a mechanism for expanding the bag portion alongside a window of a vehicle, comprising:

a bag portion formed by two woven fabric panels connected along an outer peripheral portion by a connecting portion;

said connecting portion for connecting said two woven fabric panels being formed by weaving a textile structure having a common yarn included in both said two woven fabric panels;

said bag portion sealed over a whole area thereof by an air non-permeable coating material; and]

said peripheral connecting portion is non-continuous having a gap to form an opening for introducing an inflator gas, said opening being defined by said peripheral connecting portion and said two woven fabric panels.

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9. (Amended) The side air bag as recited in claim ~~8~~ or claim [9] ~~1~~, wherein one of said two woven fabric panels or said textile structure is extended outwardly